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Growth in Agricultural Yield
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether growth in agricultural yield is being registered in the country during in each of the last three years, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the growth rate in foodgrains and pulses recorded in Maharashtra State during the said period;

(c) the name of districts where the maximum foodgrains production has been recorded; and

(d) whether any incentive is being provided to the districts recording low agricultural yield and if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): On account of deficit/deficient rainfall during monsoon season, unseasonal rains/hailstorms and adverse temperature conditions etc., the yield of foodgrains during 2014-15 and 2015-16 declined to 2,028 kg. per hectare and 2,042 kg. per hectare respectively as compared to the previous record yield of 2,129 kg. per hectare during 2012-13. However, due to the normal monsoon rainfall in 2016 and various policy initiatives, the yield of foodgrains has increased to a new record of 2,142 kg. per hectare during 2016-17 (as per Third Advance Estimates) in the country.

The State-wise details of yield of rice, wheat, coarse cereals, pulses and total foodgrains during last three years i.e. 2014-15 to 2016-17 in the country are given in the Annexure.

(b) & (c): The production of pulses and foodgrains during 2014-15 to 2016-17 in the State of Maharashtra are as under:

Year Production (000 tonnes)
Pulses Foodgrains
2014-15 2053.0 11311.9
2015-16 1544.7 8754.4
2016-17* 3668.8 15120.7
*As per third Advance Estimates

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As per the latest information received from the State Government of Maharashtra, the maximum foodgrains production during 2016-17 is recorded in Nasik, Aurangabad, Ahmednagar, Jalgaon and Latur districts.

(d): In order to boost crop production and yield in the country, Government of India through State Governments has been implementing various Crop Development Schemes/Programmes such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), Soil Health Card, etc. Further to ensure remunerative price to farmers, the Government has also increased Minimum Support Price (MSPs) of different crops.